

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the above-referenced application are respectfully requested.

I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 24 and 25 are amended herein.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that claims 11-14, 16-18, 20, 21, and 23-25 are currently pending and under consideration.

II. REJECTION OF CLAIM 24 UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claim 24 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claim 24 is amended herein to overcome the rejection.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection is overcome.

III. REJECTION OF CLAIM 25 UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103(A) AS BEING UNPATENTABLE OVER MEDVED ET AL. (US 5,818,619) IN VIEW OF TSUJI ET AL. (US 5,664,035) AND OTA (US 5,959,752)

In item 5 on page 3 of the Office Action, claim 25 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Medved et al. in view of Tsuji et al. and Ota. The Examiner notes that claim 25 recites similar limitations to those recited in claims 11, 14, and 24, but states that "the other claims recite combinations of limitations that more fully recite that the 'contact surface' is in contact with the apparatus-side communication unit." Claim 25 is amended herein to recite, "a contact surface with said one of said apparatuses provided on said frame" to overcome the rejection.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection is overcome.

IV. CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that each of the claims patentably distinguishes over the prior art, and therefore defines allowable subject matter. A prompt and favorable reconsideration of the rejection along with an indication of allowability of all pending claims are therefore respectfully requested.

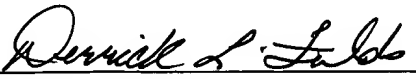
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